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SUBJECT: New Reference for ADS 200: Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons Policy and Implementation Guidelines

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. [Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons Policy](#), and
2. [Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons Implementation Guidelines](#)

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As the acknowledged lead U.S. Government agency for addressing internal population displacement, USAID will coordinate USG policy and response to the problem. In countries where the problem exists or is likely to develop, bureaus and Missions must

incorporate the IDP issue in emergency relief, transitional aid and long-term development assistance.

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